BY ERNEST HAROLD BAYNES.

An Autumn @ Walk @ 000000

life-giving air, and the odor of nuts, with point where they dropped into the lake just a tinge of sadness imparted by the again. Between us was the rounded back of songs of bluebirds, which, seemingly frag- a grassy promontory, and across this I went, ments of the vault above them, were tossed | hidden by the rising ground. But soon the to the southward of the autumn wind. There | top was reached, and again I came in sight through the window and beyond, to a little | shore with all my might. The ducks did not | About 8,727,500. lake, where white-tipped wavelets leaped rise at once, but when they found me gainupon the surface of the dark blue water. In | iag on them they sprang from the water, at the afternoon I started to "work" at my first a few, but followed rapidly by the rest, desk, but it was no use, so I tossed the pen a dark cloud filled with whistling wings into a pigeon-hole and went into the woods. and scattering a sunshower of heavy drops And such woods they were in their autumn | from their wet and shining feet. They were

of sea gulls which covered it. Other gulls there and waited. Presently he came withwere upon the wing, wheeling gracefully in in reach and I grasped him. He scarcely Mary West is remembered here by some possible to distinguish them. These things been shot, not by a sportsman, for sportsmy field glass I could see something more. been stones in the water but for the fact that stones would not move about as these dots did. They were black ducks, which had dropped into the lake the night before to remain for a time ere they continued their journey to the southward. I made a wide detour, keeping well under cover, as I wished to see these birds at closer range. Following a belt of woodland which skirted the shore of the lake, I came within a quarter of a mile of the ducks without being seen. There were far more of them than I had supposed, between three and four hundred, as near as I could count, but only a few were in the water. The rest were on the shore, sitting about in different attitudes, preening their plumage or dabbling in the mud and among the stones. But some of

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

During the Boer-British war did not Kentucky, Barton W. Stone and Presby-some member of the United States Cabinet terian ministers founded a third organiza resign and go to South Africa?-E. S. No; you have in mind Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the Interior, but not

How many inches, if any, of snow fell at Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 14, this year?-G.

This unusual fall began at 1:30 p. m. of the 13th and ended early in the morning of the 14th. Fourteen inches of snow fell.

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What was the source of the Newfoundland dog?-W. T. He is thought to be a cross between the native dog of Newfoundland and Labrador. a double-coated sort, and some imported species, likely a flerce breed of Pointer brought from Spain.

From what was the standard yard taken or reckoned?-J. A. M. From the Troughton scale, which

procured from London in 1814. It was eightytwo inches long, and the yard was taken as the distance between its twenty-seventh and sixty-third-inch divisions. What is the cause of the accumulations

of gum that are so common on the trunks and branches of fruit trees?-B. I. D. Disease, usually, in which bacteria and fungi have a part. Poor soil and dampness sometimes contribute. Insects' wounds. too, cause some of the gumming.

It is not known. The Spaniards said at

the time that he was killed by a stone thrown at him by one of his own followers, but it seems more likely that he was murdered by his Spanish captors.

age in Ohio, Iowa and Massachusetts?

By the census of 1900 the figures were, in your order, 1,212,223, 635,298 and 843,465. By adding, respectively, 4, 5 and 71/2 per cent., you can arrive closely at the present figures, if for the past three years the increase has been that of the ten years of

How is it that charcoal can go on taking up offensive gases without very quickly beso saturated with them that it must itself give them off?-D.

Charcoal's remarkable powers of absorption are due to its porousness. In its use as a disinfectant, of which you query, the foul gas is condensed and brought into close contact with condensed oxygen, the result being that the former gas is burned up. And this process can continue for a

Are priests of the Greek Church subject to the Czar of Russia in matters of church interests? 2. A. contends that Greek Church priests may marry, but can never become bishops, nor marry the second time. Is

Those living in the Czar's domains are, he being the head of the church for his dominions. 2. Substantially, marriage is encouraged for priests, though they may not marry a second time, nor marry widows. Bishops must be celebate, so are chosen from the monastic brothers.

Can you give me an explanation of the processes cotton goods undergo in becom-

ing mercerized?-Miss E. They are treated, while stretched tightly, with caustic soda, which softens and lengthsilk. Singularly, the process was discovered some fifty years ago by John Mercer, an English chemist, but nothing came of it because goods thus treated shrunk badly. A few years ago a simple means of avoiding this fault was discovered.

When was the Christian Church founded

AST week there came a day such as I them discovered me, I think, for the whole is seen nowhere in the world save | flock suddenly made for the water, and America, and never even there started to swim away. But as though the save in October. It was a day speed they made was not fast enough to which cannot be fully described in suit them, they took to the wing, and words-a day full of glorious sunlight, of | wheeled around to the other side of the

coloring, which can be matched nowhere, not greatly alarmed, and after a short flight perhaps, but in the rainbow, in the northern | they splashed into the lake again, and belights, in blood and in fire. And in the fields | came strung out across the water, where, eround about the color scheme was carried | with the naked eye, they might easily be | it had dropped in magnitude to the eighth. out in the foliage of the sumachs, in the mistaken for the shadow sides of wavelets. When first discovered it was near the first scarlet hips of the wild rose bushes, and in But the ducks were not the only birds which the berries of the bittersweet and the bushes I had alarmed, for the gulls upon the rock telescopic nebula. All new stars are temhad also arisen, half a thousand strong, In a glade in the woods, I saw a gray whirling and turning in the air like the equirrel eating a nut, sitting meanwhile on flakes of a Brobdinagian snowstorm. And a carpet of fallen leaves-a carpet in gorge- presently they came down to the water, but impact expanded the star into a gaseous ous contrast to his own sober dress. He was not with a splash, as the ducks had done; nebulanot afraid, for we had often met before, so they settled lightly, and paused for just a I sat down, too, and watched him rip away | moment with their shining pinions pointed the hard shell by using his long front teeth | to the sky, like the mainsails of miniature as levers. When he had finished, he looked yachts; and then the sails were furled, and | Who Operates a Rich Gold Mine and about until he found another, and when he | the white fleet, riding high upon the water, had eaten that, he began to gather grass was apparently at ancher. A year ago, at Janesville, Wis., Special to St. Louis Postand leaves, which he carried to an almost | dusk, I was watching a flock of gulls floatcompleted nest in an oak tree near by. Thus | ing far out in that same lake, when I was occupied I left him, and walked through the interested to see one solitary bird much wood until I saw between the trees the blue nearer the shore than his fellows. As I dering upon the visionary stories of the waters of the lake. Far away, a mile per- watched, I saw that he was floating slowly pink-covered literature, but that is the

with his bill, and before I had time to dewho had wounded the beautiful creature as

it floated on the water. This I knew because of certain shot holes through the primary feathers, which must have been made while and she came to know every grade of metal the wings were at rest and folded over the back. Sport is one thing; butchery is another. If a man shoots game birds in reasonable numbers and at seasons prescribed by laws adequate to protect those birds from all danger of extermination, I have nothing to say; but I think that a man who Scarcely more than a schoolgirl, she be-

butchers beautiful, harmless creatures just to try his marksmanship, or "for the fun of seeing them drop," as some of his class would express it, should be considered as a social outcast by all lovers of decent conduct and fair play, and placed in the same general class as anarchists and others who wilfully threaten the peace and well-being

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Abner Jones, a Baptist, organized a church in Vermont, and a little latter, in Ohio and terian ministers founded a third organiza-I understand that there will be a civil service examination in this city next month to secure mafi clerks and carriers. Where must I make application for one of these

Old Subscriber. Write to W. L. Dynes, Federal Building, Indianapolis. He conducts these examinations and will give you full information. The appointments are based entirely on the result of the examinations and no outside influence, Republican or Democratic, enters

Is quicksilver found in so nearly the commercial form that it is liquid? 2. If not, from what is it got and how?-E. M. J. Yes, in comparatively small quantities. 2. Of various ores, cinnabar, its sulphide, is the only one that furnishes much of the metal. Cinnabar is heated to above the point at which mercury boils. The latter is given off in vapor, which is condensed, great care being taken in this process to protect the workmen from the hurtful vapor, and to prevent waste of the latter.

Was there a battle at Baton Rouge, La., between confederates and federals? If so, will you give brief details?-McK. There was. On Aug. 5, 1862, the commanders, respectively, being Gen. John C. Breckenridge and Gen. Thomas Williams. The numbers engaged were about 2,500 on What was the real cause of the death of hours, ending in repulse for the confeder- place. She has about twenty men in her Monteguma at the time of the invasion by ates. The latter's losses were eighty-four killed, 315 wounded and fifty-seven missing; the federals lost eighty-four killed, 266 wounded and thirty-three missing. General

Williams was among the killed.

Where was the first electric trolley car run in America?-P. G. Of the many experimental vehicles it utterly impossible to identify the very first. An early experiment of especial promise was an exhibition line in Chicago in 1883. A Kansas City line that is written of as practical was built in the following year, and in 1885 Toronto, Ontario, had a line. The installation, however, that first demonstrated thoroughly the success of this form of traction was the equipment of the thirteen-mile line in Richmond, Va., in 1887.

Can you tell me anything of the breeding places and times of common eels?-G. R. S. They are believed to go in winter from fresh to salt water, there to remain for eight months. Their eggs are deposited in late summer or fall, are heavy, sink to the cold water of the depths and so develop slowly. During winter the young go in enormous numbers from the ocean to fresh waters, the period between the going of the old and the coming of the young being two years. It is believed that the young are hatched in water 1,500 feet deep.

Will you state the most important points in the life of John Randolph, of Roanoke? And (2) in what way is his name connected with that of Pocahontas?-J. E. W. Yes; birth, June 2, 1773; study of law under Edmund Randolph; election to Congress in 1799, and re-election except for two terms, until 1825; separation from his political associates in 1806; antagonism to the Missouri Compromise and nicknaming that measure's supporters "dough-faces:" service in the United States Senate from 1825 to 1829; duel with Henry Clay; the making of a will freeing and otherwise providing ens the fibre, imparting to each thread the | for his several hundreds of slaves; death, texture and gloss that is characteristic of June 24, 1833. 2. His grandfather married

> Will you give me some facts of the life of the cartoonist, especially as to

a great-granddaughter of Pocahontas.

Thomas Nast was born at Landau, Bavaria; was brought to this country when six years old, and when fourteen was employed here as draughtsman on an illustrated newspaper. In 1860 he went to The societies known as the Christians Europe, making sketches throughouf the had their start a little over 100 years ago in | war in Italy that were printed in Paris, three separate movements. In 1793, James | London and New York. Later his drawings O'Kelly led a withdrawal in Virginia from of the American civil war won much attenthe Methodist Episcopal Church; in 1800, tion, and his caricatures are credited with

having done a deal toward upsetting the Tweed ring. Tweed was quoted as sayingthat he cared little for what was said about him, but that Nast's pictures hurt.

What is the total number of prisoners held in the United States? 2. How many of them are federal prisoners? 3. In case of war, how many men in the United States are liable to military service?-J. D.

Satisfactory statistics are lacking. A compilation of last year puts the number at about 60,000, which, in view of the total returned by the United States census of 1890, of 82,329, obviously is too low. The law establishing the national Census Bureau provides for an especial inquiry relating to crime, pauperism and benevolence, to be made at the conclusion of the reports on population, manufactures, agriculture and vital statistics. Plans for it are now mak- house after dinner. It used to take a safe was much work for my pen that day, and of the wild ducks, which turned to swim ing, but results will not be published for a all the morning I wrestled with it-with my away. That I might see them nearer, if only year or so. 2. About 3,000, some two-thirds elbows on my desk and my eyes looking for a moment, I ran forward toward the of them being held in State institutions, 3.

What is the present condition of the new star that appeared in the constellation Perseus a year ago last February (or March)? It is still visible as a star of sixth or seventh magnitude? Does it present the appearance of a nebula through the tele-

scope?-S. W. S. two years ago last February. It is known as Nova Persei. At the end of last year magnitude. It has now expanded into a porary. In all probability Nova Persei was made visible to us by the collision of two invisible stars. The heat generated by the

## WOMAN ASSAYIST

Superintends All Work.

to the owner, operator and manager of a \$100,000 gold mine in Arizona is a tale borachievement of Mary West, a former Janeshaps, was a rock projecting from the water, and the shore, and marking the spot ville girl. Not only has she done that, but she has opened a new field for women in the far West. That is of an assayer and

lazy circles far above their brethren, and struggled, though he struck at me feebly of the girls who were her schoolmates the lake, bobbing up and down amongst the cide what was the matter with him, he ville, Col., but she had already shown redied in my arms. Then I found that he had | markable aptitude in her studies. In Leadknown as one of the brightest students in how comfey dey is getting along. I could see with my naked eyes, but with men don't shoot gulls, but by some butcher the little mining city's schools before she

> one things about metallurgy which every time to study. In 1887 her father died and Miss West was compelled to start to work in earnest to support her mother and

Saving enough money from her household

study at the school for miners in Denver during her summer vacations. Then she came to the University of Chicago and finished her course. Two years more of school-teaching and she was ready for the establishing of an assay office. Chloride, Ariz., was then a rich camp, and thither she went, accompanied by her mother. Aside from the hard work of the assaying she had still harder work to impress the rough miners that a woman knew about minerals. She was discouraged and heartsick. Then followed four years of heartbreaking toil as a prospector. Days, weeks, over mountain ranges, looking for precious metals. Weeks she slept on the ground at night and suffered all the inconveniences of a prospector. Once she was sick for weeks in the dirty hut of a Yaqui Indian, and one winter she and her brother spent the winter in a little cabin in the Sierra Mountains in Mexico, living on beans and pork and occasional vegetables bought rom the Indians. But victory came to her and she discovered at last the golden

She had but little money left, so after months of manual toil in discovering how valuable the mines were she went to Tombstone and became a teacher again. With money thus earned a shaft was sunk in the ledge and at thirty feet down the pay rock was struck. Then came the sale of the property for \$50,000.

ledge she looked for.

Now it was plain sailing. The scoffers stopped their idle chaff and mine after mine was offered to the woman miner. She turned down many of the offers, some of them which have turned out much better was ever dreamed of. Finally she bought a claim ninety miles from Manzanita at a reasonable figure and started to levelop it. In al! she spent \$60,000 on the hole in the ground the miners and prospectors called it before it began to pay. Then came riches and to-day the Wisconsin mine is known all over the country as one of the richest in all the Southwest.

That was four years ago. Since then Mary West has organized a company of El Paso stockholders, has christened the mine the Wisconsin, after her native State, and has spent over \$60,000 in developmen work. She owns a fraction over one-half erty and lives with her mother and brother the Wisconsin. She knows every deshe is not deep down in the underground each side. The fighting was severe for two drifts and laterals watching all that takes get their orders from her, and not a foot of rock is removed without her knowledge. The miners say that she is unusually keen in knowing where the various conditions of ore lie. Occasionally she goes across the

country to Noagles to attend to the banking interests of the mine. Mary West dresses for her work. wears a heavy blouse, short skirt, long leathern-laced, heavy-soled leggins and a slouch hat. Half a dozen times a day she travels up and down the deep mine shaft in an ore bucket, which is operated by wire cable on a windlass. She keeps posted on the latest improvements in mining, and the library on metallurgy and geology of American mines that she has accumulated her home is up to date. From dawn till dark she is always busy-in the assaying room, down in the mine, in the office, Her evenings are spent in the home, where she finds delight in the current literature.

## WHO DEVERY IS.

## A Figure in New York Politics on the

Mayor Van Wyck declared was the best chief of police New York ever had. He is a pounds. He was the Tammany leader in the Ninth district when the Low earthquake happened and shook him out of office. He announced then that he would still be chief of police and events of many months after showed that his boast was not an idle one. Somebody during the term of Commissioner Partridge was checkmating all attempts to reform the force. Only recently has Commissioner Greene, Partridge's energetic successor, been able to

Tammany, during the Shepard-Low campaign, threw all the blame on the broad pelled from the Tammany organization. He set up as the friend of the people with bundles of money to spend in buying coaland ice for the poor and taking children on excursions and to see shows. By lavish spending he has held a strong following in his district, and, like the Democratic rebels of aid and comfort to the fusion cause. left morals out of the making of Devery,

out made up for the omission by providing nim with a peculiarly rich and varied vocabulary that is all his own. In times when interest in other matters is at an ebb the utterances of Devery leaning against his pump and passing judgment on men and things often set the whole dull town aroar. In consequence of this, citizens of New York feel that they can almost forgive Devery for many things-even for living.

> The Reflection. He held a crystal in his hand;

A Thing that frightened me.

"Oh, drive it back!" I cried in dread. "Scal it in its abode!"
"Why dost then fear?" (to me he said),
""Twas but thy Soul I showed." CHIMMIE FADDEN STORIES 00 By 00 EDWARD W. TOWNSEND

CHIMMIE FADDEN GIVES SOME NOVEL VIEWS on PLAYWRIT-ING AND DESCRIBES A BOWERY THRILLER

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"M TINKING of writing a play," | "It wouldn't do to illtreat an interest; dere says Mr. Paul de odder evening is so few of em going about de stage dese while I was fixing de log fire in | days dat any wise guy-" does wasn't quite de library where dey sits nights | his wolds, but I has to straighten out his when dey hasn't to go no where, langwudge once in a while, or he'd get his meaning lost in de shuffle. "Any wise guy But, foist, listen: since Miss Fannie has | dat gets hoit of a real interest for a play

"Dat will be too lovely," Miss Fannie

"I would be willing to put it on as soon

says. "When will you put your play on?"

as it is wrote, but I'm advised dat it is de

usual ting to keep it on cold storage for a

few years, den to take it to England and

have it done dere, for to insure it a hearing

here. Having me di'logue and interest all

attended to, I'm told dat all dat is needed

den, is a dozen or so new and howling situa-

tions; a sympathetic part for de leading

lady, four good coitains, novel stage ef-

fects, some lighting stunts dat will knock

Broadway silly, some mechanical novelties,

gobs of realism, eight scenes never tried

before, a backer wit a million to boin,

and a cheerful temper not likely to get

running rusty when de stage manager

knocks everyting but de title out of me

"But you have said notting about de sub-

ject," says Miss Fannie when she had

"Dat I has not decided upon, as I was

saying. Everyting else is fixed, but de sub-

ject bodders me. I has tought of de open

ditch on Broadway, but de day when de public would stand for stage horrors is

passed; de open door, wit a Russian gun-

boat guarding it, has come to me mind;

but de objection is dat it might be mistook

for a political play, and dat is too much like

hard wolk for to be swallowed for amuse-

ment. Everyting else is dead esy, but de

subject is a corker for fair. De Brooklyn

Bridge at de rush hour I has under con-

sideration; but Manhatteners would say dat

it was too exaggerated-and Brooklyners

Mr. Paul stops to oil his bearings and Miss

"I should tink," says he, "dat de score

of adventure books dear Scott wrote would

give you subjects, and dey is in de line of

lots of plays dat has been successful

"Me dear," he says, "you prove dat it is

you, not me, dat should be de playwright

of de family. A gent I know, who has not-

ting to do, has been going to de tecaters de

last five years for de sole poipose of run-

ning down de beginnings of de modern his-

torical-novel-plays, and he is tickled to deat

wit his record; for he has found out dat not

one of me old fren Scott's novels has es-

caped. Dey is all on de stage, under new

names. If you had only give me dis tip a

few years ago I'd now be dragging royalties

from de box offices of Sudern, Mansfield,

Hackett, and a bunch of lady stars as well.

No. we must seek someting new, and at dis

blessed moment I'm divided between de

I shouldn't wonder but Mr. Paul was kid-

ding a little in dat game of talk. If I had

time to write a play de subject wouldn't

bodder me a little bit. I seen a play on de

Bowery once, and it was de corkingist play

dat ever was acted out on top of de stage.

or Grand Street by Gaslight." Say, it was a

peach! De Floorwalker was de villain, but

in de start tings comes his way so fast dat

he had to dodge em. Dat's funny, too, Vil-

lains always truns sixes at de start, and

villain a start to de bad, and have him

put up all de margin dat's called for, and

de foe de ha-ha. Dat'll be realism, and

you'll have to keep people out of de teeater

good, all right. De owner of de store has a

daughter, see? and she was de star. Floor-

walker says to her, he says, "Fly wit me to

happy ever after de old gent gives me de

store to run on me own account," he says.

"Sure, Reignald, dear," she says, "sure,

s soon as I see is me hat on straight."

De name of it was "De Floorwalker's Folly,

Fannie says why don't he take some of de

books wrote by a felly named Scott.

manuscript.

catched her breat.

would mob it."

lately.'

married Mr. Paul it takes a crowbar and a must keep it alive till all de odder play argument for to get him started out of de writers has had deir hack at it." "What kind of a interest will you have?" deposit lock and a guard wit a gun to keep she asks, as Mr. Paul stops to see had I Mr. Burton, what was Miss Fannie's odder | fetched de bottle from de right bin. "My interest will be heart interest, mixed husband, to home-and den he'd make a wit a religious, and money, and mind-cure sneak somehow. Duchess says dere is no interest. We must catch em going and comromance about de married life of Mr. Paul ing; de gallery and de boxes; de managers and Miss Fannie, because dey just seems to and de critics."



be stuck on each odder's company, and

"What do you want em to do, woman?" I asks her. "Do you want em to have de limelight trun on em all de time when dev is satisfied for to be up stage, and doing no song and dance for de gallery; or do you want em to rough house for a romance?" "Could you write a play about em?" says

"No, nor you couldn't write no Police Court story about em. If dat is de kind of ting dat you calls romance, why do you let out such a high C brand of holler when I takes a night off witout asking you to keep tabs on me route?"

"It is of a difference," dat goil says. "One's own husband must be of de behavior conventional; but de husbands of odder women is of de commonplace when dey is always a cat by de fireplace. One does not wish to be a play, but to see a

Dat's a funny ting about women, and I hasn't found de ting about em dat's not funny, dat you never hear em talking about husbands what is de kind of husbands dev wants for demselves. Dat's de difference between husbands and bonnets; every woman would like her bonnet talked about, but none of em wants deir hubby de talk of de town. Even de women dat changes husbands near as often as dey changes bonnets; dey want de husbands dey has to be a good boy; dough its dollars to doughnuts dat de reason dey picks out a new husband was dat he rough-housed his own fireside, and so made a hit wit de divorce-and-remarry

But, as I was saying, Mr. Paul, he looks up like he'd just had a dream dat was true. and he says, "Me dear," he says, "I'm tinking of writing a play." "What will it be about?" asks Miss Fannie, "crime or crinoline?"

"Dat's de very point," Mr. Paul says, pushing his glass to de edge of de table so as I'd know it wasn't out of commission. "I has it all settled but de subject."

"Perhaps it don't need none," Miss Fannie says. "Some dat we has gone to dis season had no subject vis'ble to de naked

"But dey was wrote for gold, not fame," says Mr. Paul. "So long as I has you, a loaf of bread, a flask of wine, singing by de side of me in de wilderness, I am to de good," he says, "two up, and one to go, wit de clubhouse in sight, and all me new balls in de caddie's pockets, and all his old balls in me club bag." "Paul," says Miss Fannie, "what in ever

are you talking about?" Heaven," he says. Now I'll tell you about me play. De di'logue will be spark- drama.

ling, witty and epigastic-" How's dat? Epigramatic? Dat's de wold. I didn't have quite a strangle holt on it. Some of Mr. Paul's wolds, like dat one, he

makes up as he goes along, just to give de ha-ha to de wold books. "Dat'll be splendid," Miss Fannie says. "Dere's everyting in de di'logue."

"Everything but de dough," says Mr. Paul, taughtful like. "A play wit notting but beautiful di'logue would have to run hot air; and I'm told by certain gents in de business end of de profession, dat dere is notting in dis wide woild dat will shrivel up so fast under de influence of a strict hot air treatment as a play."

"Den you must give it someting else," Miss Fannie says, getting interested. "So I am told by de experts I has engaged to advise me. I shall have a suspended interest hung up in de foist part of de foist act, and never cut it down till de

curtain at de end of de last act." "I should tink it would hoit de interest for to be hung so long," Miss Fannie says. "Couldn't de poor ting be let down now and den, for de doctors to feel of its pulse, and

"Dat will be a good ting," Mr. Paul says.

But dere was a goil in de store what sold corset covers, and she had a call on de wasn't de leading lady, but de one what

wears black close, wit white cuffs and collar, and she says to de leading lady. "Daughter of de rich," she says, "what know you of de suffering of de poor?" Den de leading lady says, "Woman!" she says, "I have trouble of me own. What wouldst dow wit me?" she says. Den Collars and Cuffs says, "I have notting in dis wolld but me love for Reignald. He is a villain, but I love him; and e'en when he was a cash boy in de ribbon section I promised him my hand. Seek your playtings in de purlieus of de rich, but come not here," she says, "Oh, come not here!" So de leading lady changes her make-up

and goes to wolk as a cloak model in de store for to get a fair line on Reggie. Nobody knows it but her and de audience. Reginald pipes off de new cloak model, and he gets gaily-gaily to once. She passes him out a bunch of goo-goo eyes, and when daughter of de boss, we'll live happy ever after I get a divorce." he says.

So she says she'd fly, and he got so chesty | a bagatelle.

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wit de way tings was coming to him dat he couldn't button his coat. Den we had Grand street at night, and,

say, song and dance artists, and coonsingers, rag-timers, little German banders, and all sorts comes on, and dey says, "While we is waiting for de Williamsburg car," dey says, "let us sing," dey says, "and dance," says dey. Dey had Toney Pastors down and out.

Den de leading lady comes on, wit Collars and Cuffs behind her, disguised in de American flag, and dey lays for de villain. So does de gallery. Say, we wants to see him get de turn down so bad dat even de ragtimers wasn't made to do deir toin more dan six or seven times over. Well, well, he got de gaff for fair when he waltzes on. For a minute you couidn't hear what de leading lady was trunning into him. Den we hears her say, "Base catiff!" she says, "tinkst to wrong me as a poor cloak model wit a forty-two bust and a twenty-two waist! Nay," she says, "I am also de daughter of your boss and de fren of de poor corset counter goil!"

Wit dat Collars and Cuffs turns off de flag and waves it and de gallery shies everyting dat wasn't nailed down dey could lay deir hands to at de floorwalker. It was great! "I will marry dis corset cover," says de villain, "if you will not get your pa to discharge me Saturday night." But de leading lady wasn't conned. "No," says she, "dis poor goil shall come to eclipse of de moon, 'ad when is a fish why and marry one of de German barons I have o use for." "By heavens!" he says, "dis is hard for fair," he says. "But it is not all," says she. "De next healt food me pa gets out," she says, "your face shall be used to advertise it!" Den he falls dead. I was telling Duchess how Mr. Paul was up against it looking for a subject for his

> "Bah!" she says. "One would tink to hear you talk. Master Cheems, dat dere is more dan one subject for a play."

"Dere is a million," I says. "I seen Johnnie Drew in six different pairs of trousers in one night, and he wasn't playing his best at dat. Dere is as many subjects as dere is twos at de end. I wonder why? When I writes me own play I'm going to give de

"Indeed, mon ami," she says, "when you have exhaust of de one subject, you will win out at de end wit hands down, giving | stop writing plays. De subject is a boy and a goil of any age from fourteen to eighty. Just a boy and a goil, dat's all. When you But as I was saying, dis play was to de | I will show you a nice dinner of bread witout butter, an egg witout salt and some wine dat is toined to vinegar, and I will But Duchess is forn, and forn folks, when Grand street," he says, "and we'll live dey tries to use what Mr. Paul calls a figure of speech, dey always gets de horse be-

I tink yet dat Mr. Paul will make a killing wit his play. If he wants a subject, what's de matter with Whiskers and Wily She | Widdy? Say, dere's no holding 'em! He's old enough to know better, and she knows enough to be older, but if dere ain't a wedding inside of a year I'm not a foot high.

"Dey is a play," says Duchess. "Dey is

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will cost that city not less than \$600,000. Some of the items in the expense account are interesting. The inspectors who will have charge of the election at the polls will receive \$266,000. The rent to be paid for polling places alone is estimated at \$76,000. printing of the mere ballots will cost and advertising are all individual charges, none of which will foot up less than \$20,000. These are special expenses which have to manent staff employed by the board of elections which costs the city annually that it sometimes comes high, even in this routine way, may not be denied. But if New York is as badly governed as the lead-ers of all parties declare it is this is merely

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